GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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EFFECT OF MOBILE PHONE ON FERTILITY
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether as per a recent study , human fertility is adversely affected by the radiation emitted by mobile phones;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Government`s action thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) & (b): Dr. Imre Fejes and his colleagues from the Department of Obste. & Gyane, University of Szeged, Hungary carried out a study to assess the effect of mobile phones on human subjects. They studied 221 men for 13 months and compared the sperm of men who used their phones heavily with those that did not. They found that the prolonged use of cell phones might have a negative effect on spermatogenesis (sperm production) and male fertility. However Dr. Fejes is of the opinion that further work was needed to confirm the findings.

WHO has stated that `none of the recent reviews concluded that exposure to Radio frequency from mobile phones or their base stations damages health` but stresses that more studies are needed.

(c) Government of India agrees with the views of WHO.